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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$126,500 COMPLAINT TO THE MADERA TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, MADERA COUNTY

FRESNO – The Eddie Duane Smith Trust (Trust), Madera Transportation Facility faces Administrative Civil Liability penalties of \$126,500 for failing to comply with a Cleanup and Abatement Order issued by the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Water Board on September 19, 2007.

The Order required the investigation and cleanup of a release of petroleum hydrocarbon constituents. The release, which was first reported in July 1996, occurred from one underground storage tank at Madera Transportation, 305 North E Street, Madera.

The investigation and cleanup required in the CAO was never performed.

The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Water Board issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to the Trust, which describes the violations subject to the Administrative Civil Liability under the California Water Code, and which sets the matter for a hearing at the Central Valley Water Board's public meeting on June 11 and 12, 2009.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources.